



METRO COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2015
Metro Regional Center, Council Chamber

Councilors Present: Deputy Council President Bob Stacey, and Councilors Shirley Craddick, Carlotta Collette, Craig Dirksen, Kathryn Harrington, and Sam Chase

Councilors Excused: Council President Tom Hughes

Deputy Council President Bob Stacey called the Metro Council work session to order at 2:00 p.m.

1. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER COMMUNICATION

Deputy Chief Operating Officer Scott Robinson updated Council on the following items:

- A screening committee has completed their review of nineteen community planning and development grant applications and will send their review to Ms. Martha Bennett, Metro chief operating officer. Ms. Bennett will present her recommendation to Council after Council recess.
- The 2015 GLEAN Exhibition opening reception will take place on August 14th from 6-9 p.m. at the Disjecta Gallery.
- The Portland Expo Center is hosting the PDX Drive-In Movie Spectacular for two weekends beginning on August 13th.
- The First Opportunity Target Area Task Force has met four times and will present their recommendation to Council after Council recess.

Additionally, Deputy Council President Stacey congratulated Councilor Dirksen for winning the 2015 Tualatin River Political Paddle Race.

2. SOLID WASTE ROADMAP: LANDFILL CAPACITY PROJECT

Mr. Paul Slyman, Metro Property & Environmental Services director, discussed how focus group feedback and research performed by staff revealed that the public is willing to speak about trash. Mr. Slyman added that members of the focus groups did not know where waste goes and wanted to see an emphasis on waste prevention. Metro staff, Mr. Bryce Jacobson and Mr. Ken Ray, provided Council with an overview of the Landfill Capacity project work plan and stakeholder engagement outline. Mr. Jacobson reviewed how the Landfill Capacity project was established to develop a complete and explicit policy to guide Metro's future decision about which landfills shall be eligible to receive the region's waste. Mr. Ray noted that in order to determine how Metro weighs capacity with distance and cost, he is proposing stakeholder engagement through two means; discussions with local officials and staff and random sample surveys of the public in the Metro region.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Harrington inquired about an estimated annual tonnage figure and when Council will receive feedback on policy option development.
 - Mr. Slyman noted that Council will be presented with policy development progress in October.
- Councilor Dirksen recommended reviewing stakeholder feedback from citizens within Metro's service area, as well as citizens where the landfills are located. Additionally, Councilor Dirksen suggested asking landfill owners if they have performed community outreach and if it is known how community members view the landfill.
- Councilor Chase suggested obtaining feedback from community leaders, as they could identify factors that Metro may not have determined yet. Councilor Chase spoke to his expectations of receiving an environmental assessment for this project.
- Councilor Craddick spoke to meeting the needs of the Metro region and beyond by sending garbage to communities that are interested in accepting it. Councilor Craddick discussed weighing the pros and cons of community support and nonsupport with the distance garbage needs to travel. Additionally, Councilor Craddick expressed interest in a statistical analysis generated from community and random sample surveys.
- Councilor Collette recommended staff hear from both the landfill operators and the communities where landfills may be located. Councilor Collette spoke to the importance of stakeholder feedback when developing informed criteria for the project.
- Deputy Council President Stacey discussed the consideration of whether it makes sense for Metro to invest in the expansion of a system that several parts of the region rely on and spoke to the opportunity Metro has to diminish the footprint with a conscious decision by focusing on community concerns and environmental consequences of expansion.

3. METRO ATTORNEY COMMUNICATIONS

Metro Attorney Alison Kean updated Council on the following items:

- Ms. Kean thanked Ms. Michelle Bellia, Metro attorney, for managing the solid waste materials and presentations that came before Council last week.
- Council has received notice regarding the Convention Center Hotel. Additional meetings are being held with underwriters and Council will be presented with an update in a future executive session.
- Mr. Joel Morton, Metro attorney, has been collaborating with Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) staff and asked Ms. Kean to highlight three items; Mr. Morton is working on an amendment to a TOD easement in Hillsboro, finalizing documents for the purchase of a TOD easement with development of Concordia Apartments, and preparing documents for the purchase of a TOD easement in Beaverton.
- Mr. Gary Shepherd, Metro attorney, has been working on a land use application for the Tualatin River Boat Launch. This application will be an important effort in completing the Tualatin River Water Trail. Additionally, Mr. Shepherd is finalizing a land use application for the Killin Wetlands and addressing the rezoning of properties that were left over from Metro's 2006 bond decision.
- Ms. Kean is addressing intellectual property agreements in reference to the Regional Equity Atlas and the Coalition for a Livable Future and will ensure work is completed in a manner acceptable to Metro.
- Staff is working on an intergovernmental agreement as the current phase of Willamette Falls planning. The next phase will include deliberation with the property owner.

- There will be implementation on rule enforcement in natural and park areas. Council will be presented more information in a future Council meeting.
- Mr. Roger Alfred, Metro attorney, is continuously working on the Urban Growth Report (UGR) and Chief Operating Officer (COO) recommendation to certify that it is legally sound and reserves background work.

4. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATES AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Councilor Harrington spoke to the Enterprising Places grants and expressed her excitement for staff to present project updates and site transformations to Council. After two rounds of application review, the committee has recommended twelve applications. Councilor Harrington acknowledged the great work staff is doing to make sure applicants understand the value of the planning process. Additionally, Councilor Harrington reminded Council that disaster planning and emergency program material will be presented at the September 8th Council work session.

Councilor Craddick notified Council of the Intertwine regional trail count occurring in September and noted that the data collected helps influence where Metro builds future trails. Councilor Craddick sat in for President Hughes last week at a bi-state meeting with Metro and the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), where they discussed affordable housing, busses, and legislative updates.

Councilors Stacey and Craddick spoke about their meeting with leaders of the regional Ukrainian community last week. Councilor Craddick noted how Ukrainian community members are interested in becoming more involved in government and want to participate in the Metro region where approximately 80,000 Ukrainians live.

Councilor Dirksen discussed his attendance at the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) conference yesterday, where he was asked about how TriMet works with its partners. Councilor Dirksen noted that APTA expressed interest in coming to Metro to discuss how the urban growth boundary discussing lead to the 2040 Plan and how Metro uses the 2040 Plan with the Climate Smart Strategy.

Councilor Chase noted his participation in the Columbia Slough Regatta 2015 on Sunday. Councilor Chase praised the Columbia Slough Watershed Council on their efforts to promote awareness and provide educational opportunities for the public to learn about the environment in an industrial area.

5. ADJOURN

Seeing no further business, Deputy Council President Stacey adjourned the Metro Council work session at 3:20 p.m. to convene an executive session in meeting room 301 held pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e), to conduct deliberations with person designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

Deputy Council President Stacey called for an emergency Council work session directly after the executive session to review issues raised in the executive session that were of a non-executive session nature and required immediate discussion.

Deputy Council President Stacey called the emergency Metro Council work session to order at 3:52 p.m.

Ms. Stephanie Soden, Metro policy advisor, discussed communication strategy options for describing Roselyn Lake due diligence and the final Council decision to the public. Ms. Teri Dresler, Oregon Zoo interim director, added that staff is available to Council for additional information.

Council Discussion:

- Councilor Craddick suggested reaching out to the City of Sandy and its Council members, as well as performing general outreach to cities, neighborhood groups, and the East Multnomah Development Committee. Additionally, Councilor Craddick expressed interest in discussing the best long-term strategy for various species and future Oregon Zoo decisions.
- Councilor Collette asked if staff has created a fact sheet to dispute false and inaccurate information given by opposition groups.
- Deputy Council President Stacey spoke to the need for the ability to provide the public with true and accurate information.
 - Ms. Dresler noted that she recognized this need and the communication strategy will address that.

Seeing no further business, Deputy Council President Stacey adjourned the emergency Metro Council work session at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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